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Subject: Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2018 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes

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**Country-specific Recommendations** (CSRs)

Under the European Semester 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council on 23 May, for 27 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2018, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated Stability or Convergence Programme.

These recommendations combine economic and employment recommendations, based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), with Council opinions on stability and convergence programmes, based on Articles 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

Bearing in mind that recommendations falling within the scope of Article 148(4) TFEU form an integral part of the country-specific recommendations and that their content is inextricably linked to that corresponding to the Stability and Growth pact, the procedure under Article 121(2) TFEU should apply to both parts of the recommendations.

Following the preparatory process at the Committee level, these draft recommendations are to be approved by EPSCO on 21 June, regarding the employment and social aspects, and by ECOFIN on 22 June, as regards the economic/financial and MIP-related aspects, with a view to the endorsement by the **European Council** on 28-29 June.

The Council will proceed to the formal adoption of the texts set out in the annex after the **European Council** has endorsed them, in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

The texts of the country-specific recommendations are set out in the documents listed in the annex of this note.

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